



FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes for July 23, 2015

The July 23, 2015 meeting of the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council was held at the Fairfax County Government Center in Conference Room 9/10. Chairperson James Sobecke called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm with 20 members, guests and staff present. Introductions of attendees were made and a listing of those in attendance is included on the final pages of these minutes.

Business Meeting

A quorum was present and minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Old Business

Ready-Set-Know Festival

Chairperson Sobecke provided the Council with the background of the Ready-Set-Know Festival and reported that the Planning Committee has met for organization the 2015 event at the Burke Centre Festival which occurs on September 12-13, 2015. At the Planning Committee's initial meeting, a review of the After Action Report of the 2014 Festival was conducted and discussion occurred to remedy possible issues from that event. Also discussed were the following topics:

- Set-up will occur on Friday, September 11th in preparation for the opening
- Review and evaluation of the Madlib document and process
- Enhancements for the moulage station
- Visitor flow through the booth area
- Possible use of a "passport" which would allow individuals to accumulate a sufficient number of stamps from the different stations to be eligible for a gift
- Eventbrite will be used to have volunteers sign up to work the various shifts

The Planning Committee will be meeting at the close of the Council meeting to further discuss the project. All Council organizations are invited to participate in this important outreach event.

Member Recognition Certificates

Andrew Levy inquired about the current status of acknowledging the contributions of former Council members as was voted upon in the previous meeting. Staff reported that the task has not been completed but will provide a listing at the next meeting.



Committee Reports

Outreach:

The committee chair position is currently vacant.

Grants:

Dean Sherick, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) staff support, reported that the current Grant Financial Manager at OEM has taken a position in a different County agency so a replacement will be sought for that position.

Also, the State Administrative Agency is interested in making sure that all sub-grantees are spending their allotted funds. This has not been an issue for Fairfax County.

Membership:

Jim Kirkpatrick has been engaged in maintaining the involvement of a number of affiliated organizations. A new representative for Volunteer Fairfax was attending the meeting. The Hunter Mill District representative had a job transfer to that position is now vacant. There has been no response from the Salvation Army after a series of contacts. Jim suggested the possibility of including schools, and reserve deputy sheriffs. As a means to increase participation, he suggested having the Council meeting in different areas around the county and having a newsletter.

Member Updates

Board of Supervisor Representatives

At-Large:

Andrew Levy reported that Chairperson Bulova sends thanks to the medical volunteers and others for their assistance with the World Police and Fire Games. He also suggested that a notice be sent to the Board of Supervisors to make them aware of the Ready-Set-Know Festival event.

Braddock:

James Sobecke emphasized the Ready-Set-Know Festival and having everyone participate in the event.

Dranesville:

Wes Callender was not able to attend the meeting.



Member Updates

Board of Supervisor Representatives, continued

Hunter Mill:

Position currently vacant

Lee:

Linda Waller provided information on several upcoming events in the Lee District where the Council could participate:

- The Springfield Bridge Walk on September 1, 2015 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Summer Concert Series at Lee District Park could use assistance on Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the refreshment stand which would just be providing people to assist.
- The Lee District Resource Fair will be Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Franconia Government Center and space is available for displays.

Interested groups can contact Linda for more information or to assist.

Mason:

Brian Foley was not able to attend the meeting.

Mount Vernon:

Jonathan Kiell had nothing to report.

Providence:

Allen Potter had nothing to report.

Springfield:

Jim Kirkpatrick had nothing to report but did discuss the World Police and Fire Games and the aid that was provided to over 200 athletes and attendees of this event.

Sully:

Karrie Delaney was not able to attend.



Core Programs

CERT:

Dana Powers, Fire and Rescue Department staff support for the Community Emergency Response Team, reported the great experiences that occurred during the World Police and Fire Games. The Fire Chief was especially grateful to all of the volunteers who joined in making the event a success. They are looking for possible grant funding for the 2016 CERT Con which will be in Fairfax County. A number of CERT classes are being conducted at the Fire Academy as well as other locations in the County.

Missy Tuttle-Ferrio, CERT representative, emphasized that CERT was well represented during the World Police and Fire Games and that the green CERT shirts and hats were at many events. An estimated 1000 hours of volunteer service were documented.

Fire Corps:

Shawn Stokes was not able to attend the meeting.

MRC:

Tracey Serle, Medical Reserve Corps representative, reported that MRC volunteers have been very busy over the summer with the following:

- Volunteers dedicated nearly 600 hours in training for orientation, incident command system, point of dispensing, health outreach and cultural sensitivity in emergency preparedness and response.
- 399 volunteers participated in the Quarter 2 notification drill and 14 volunteered at the Dulles mass casualty drill.
- 8 volunteers contributed 81 hours of administrative support

MRC, continued

- 46 volunteers contributed 230 hours as part of the World Police and Fire Games activities.

Additional training opportunities are being held as well as assistance during vaccination clinics for students.



Member Updates

Core Programs, continued

Neighborhood Watch:

Lt. Fried, Police Department staff for Neighborhood Watch, reported that National Night Out will be held on August 4th and there are multiple events scheduled across the county. A listing of those events may be available but staff will check on forwarding that information. The possibility of doing a “ride along” with the police department staff was mentioned but staff will check on the requirements of this program and report to the Council.

Also, the Worship Watch program will be holding their next session in the Mount Vernon District on September 19th. This is a presentation to the faith communities on emergency preparedness.

Frank Vajda, Neighborhood Watch representative, emphasized the many National Night Out events.

Volunteers In Police Service:

Lt. Mark Mitchell, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) staff support, reported that the VIPS will be supporting the National Night Out event. They are expecting to have 5 graduates of the current Auxiliary Police Officer Academy in September and are planning another academy in 2016.

Affiliated Organizations

Fairfax ARES:

Mary Moon, Fairfax Amateur Radio Emergency Services representative, reported that their organization had assisted with a number of recent community events including the World Police and Fire Games.

FCIA

Tom Lambiase, representative for the Faith Communities In Action, reported efforts for the Day To Serve event which is being conducted with the Office of Emergency Management.



Member Updates

Affiliated Organizations, continued

FJLEPC

Erik Peterson, Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee representative, reported that a presentation was conducted at their meeting about the Lynchburg train derailment and fire which occurred in April, 2014. A train carrying crude oil had 12-14 tank cars derail, catch fire and spill product along the James River. An update on the fall exercise is that it will involve hazardous materials and is being conducted with Washington Gas.

Volunteer Fairfax:

Maria Bernadizkowski, new Emergency Response Program Manager for Volunteer Fairfax, reported that they will be conducting orientation classes for the Volunteer Emergency Team (VET) on various dates in the future. Also, the Community Resiliency Group program will again be engaged and working with various community organizations to better coordinate recovery efforts after a disaster.

Office of Emergency Management Staff Report:

Reminders of the following events were provided:

- Northern Virginia Association of Volunteer Administration Workshop on July 29, 2015 at the Thomas Jefferson Library in Falls Church
- Faith-based Partnership webinar on July 30th
- Sales Tax Holiday for emergency preparedness, school resources, and energy star and watersense items will be August 7-9, 2015
- The Diocese of Virginia will hold a Disaster and Preparedness forum on August 29, 2015 at the Virginia Theological Seminary.
- September is National Preparedness Month and this year's theme is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make your emergency plan today."

As part of the closeout of the FY2013 Urban Area Security Initiatives grant, funds were utilized to generate an updated logo, brochure and other materials for outreach. These materials met the criteria to assist in volunteer recruitment for programs that will enhance the preparedness of the area such as the Citizen Corps. Copies of the brochure are available for distribution.



New Business:

No new business items were discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 6:45 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9/10.



General Meeting – Sign In
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Name	Organization Represented	Present
Bernadizkowski, Maria *	Volunteer Fairfax	X
Brann, Samantha	Medical Reserve Corps – Staff	
Braxton, Mary *	Virginia Alliance of Family Childcare	
Brown, Jennifer (* Alternate)	Volunteer Fairfax	
Callender, Wes *	Dranesville District	
Cantagallo, Mike *	American Red Cross	
Cockayne, John *	Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations	
Craven, Steve *	NoVa Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster	
Delaney, Karrie *	Sully District	
Drost, Peggy (* Alternate)	Faith Communities In Action	
Ewing, Lawrence *	United Way	
Foley, Brian *	Mason District	
Fried, Gregory	Neighborhood Watch – Staff	X
Galliere, Susan (* Alternate)	Virginia Alliance of Family Childcare	
Hale, Judith *	Salvation Army	
Hart, Susan (* Alternate)	Boy Scouts of America	
Heppner, Cheryl (* Alternate)	NoVa Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing	
Katz, Jeffrey	Community Emergency Response Team – Staff	
Kiell, Jonathan *	Mount Vernon District	X
Kirkpatrick, Jim *	Springfield District	X
Lambiase, Tom *	Faith Communities In Action	X
Leino, Rick (* Alternate)	American Red Cross	
Lelchook, Judith (* Alternate)	American Red Cross	
Levy, Andrew *	At-Large	X
Lorenz, Lance *	Hunter Mill District	
McKernan, Dave	Office of Emergency Management – Staff	X
Mitchell, Mark	Volunteers In Police Service – Staff	X
Moon, Mary (* Alternate)	Amateur Radio Emergency Services	X
Nieman, Charlene *	CrisisLink	
O’Leary, Bonnie *	NoVa Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing	
Olds, Bowman	Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee	
Patel, Tejas *	Boy Scouts of America	
Peterson, Erik (* Alternate)	Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee	X
Potter, Alan *	Providence District	X
Powers, Dana	Community Emergency Response Team – Staff	X
Robinette, Amelia *	Fairfax County Council of PTAs	
Rudnicki, Ken *	Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee	
Serle, Tracey *	Medical Reserve Corps	X
Sherick, Dean	Office of Emergency Management – Staff	X



Name		Organization Represented	Present
Sobecke, James	*	Braddock District (Chairperson)	X
Stokes, Shawn	*	Fire Corps	
Troutman, Jason	*	Fairfax County Amateur Radio Emergency Service	
Tuttle-Ferrio, Missy	*	Community Emergency Response Team (Vice-Chairperson)	X
Vajda, Frank	*	Neighborhood Watch	X
Waller, Linda	*	Lee District	X
Wheeler, Jennifer	*	Volunteers In Police Service	
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES			
Donna Hosek		Community Emergency Response Team	X
Char Silberstein		Community Emergency Response Team	X
Suzy Ledgerwood		Community Emergency Response Team	

* Indicates Voting Member